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**PLEASE COPY THIS FOR ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
IN YOUR PRACTICE**

TO: Health Care Providers

FROM: Mick Bolduc-Vaccine Coordinator
Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mick Bolduc".

DATE: September 16, 2013

SUBJECT: October Vaccine Orders and New Changes in the VTrckS System

The primary purpose of this communication is to provide you with information on several changes that are being implemented by Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) regarding the VTrckS vaccine ordering system.

October 1st, 2013

The CDC in an effort to enhance accountability and to support continued use of CDC vaccine contracts and distribution mechanisms for state vaccine purchases is making several changes to the VTrckS system that will be implemented nationally as of October 1, 2013. Rest assured that these changes will not impact your ability to order and receive vaccine from the CVP but nevertheless we wanted to make you aware of them.

Vaccine Shipments

The packing list you will receive from McKesson beginning with your October vaccine order will include a breakdown of each vaccine ordered by funding source (VFC, 317, S-CHIP, or State). The breakdown is based on patient population data that was reported from your office on your 2013 Provider Profile. For example, if you order 10 doses of MMR vaccine the packing slip may indicate that 5 doses are for VFC (Medicaid or uninsured), 3 doses are for State funded (privately insured), 1 dose is for 317 (under-insured) and 1 dose is for S-CHIP (HUSKY B). These numbers represent the specific patients who the vaccine is intended for (5 doses for VFC patients, 3 doses for privately insured patients, 1 dose for a 317 patient, and 1 dose for an S-CHIP patient). Since Connecticut is a universal state we are not requiring providers to keep the vaccine stored in their refrigerators by patient status or administered specifically by patient status (VFC, 317, S-CHIP, or State) so there should be minimal impact to your practice with this change.

Vaccine Orders

Beginning October 1st the CVP will be assigning a funding source to each of your orders (see MMR example above). Providers will continue to send in their orders as they are currently doing. However, the CVP is expecting a delay in being able to enter orders into the federal VTrckS vaccine ordering system from September 30 through October 2nd as the system will shut down due to the end of the

federal fiscal year. **We are strongly encouraging providers to send their orders in to us no later than the close of business Wednesday September 25th** to allow our staff sufficient time to enter all orders before the anticipated delay takes effect.

I realize the past few months have been extremely challenging for all of you with the continued vaccine shortages, back to school rush, and beginning of influenza season. All of us at the CVP appreciate your patience and understanding and want you to know that we are doing everything possible to minimize the impact these changes will have to your practice.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.